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THE
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Some Hints to Stamp Collectors.

When you get into the tide of collecting stamps, and go at it systematically;first get a good catalogue and some kind of an album to put your stamps in. I do not like those albums that have a sort of a catalogue connected with them, and have no place for new issues, for that reason I am inclined to favor the so called blank stamp album. As another reason of its favor with me is that you can show your artistic and your inventive genius in arranging them, and not have some other fellows brain used in arranging your collection and that you will not have to paste up your whole book around the edge as I have seen in some of those printed books.

Next subscribe to a No 1 Philatelic Journal, and I would also advise you to get a few of the smaller onos, as I have gathered many ideas from them

After you have got fairly started on the sea of Philately, I would advise you to join some good Philatelic Society. I think the American Philatelic Association is the best, and the benefits that you will derive from this society will be numerous: such as exchanging your duplicates and getting new issues at their face value, also, it serves as a reference in buying from dealers. Now in using the Exchange Department, do not get provoked if you do not get returns from your sheets and denounce the Superintendent of Exchange as a fraud and a rascal and dear knows what not. You must bear in mine that he has almost 1000 members to attend to. but if you will write a letter to him and enclose a stamp for reply and he will gladly tell you the reason of the delay and both you and him will feel better for it

If you are exchanging yourself, I would advise you not to send sheets to foreign countries without knowing the person that you are going to send them too, or else that he gives you satisfactory reference, for the simple reason that some of these fellows have short memory and forget very easy

When you wish to buy stamps select some dealer that has a reputation or that you have some acquaintance with, as I have seen in some Philatelic paper not long ago, "Do not send to a dealer that offers a $2.00 worth of stamps for 15c for if you do you will most likely be sorry" I know of a simular case where a certain so called Stamp Co., sent to a dealer who is also a publisher of a Philatelic paper, an 'ad' for his paper in which was that he would send an 8c blue Register stamp of Canada for 5c, he also had some other bargains just as great. The publisher after having written to the Co. and getting no reply. he began to make inquiries but found no one that knew of such a Co. The publisher did not insert the 'ad' as no money was sent. I think that editor ought to give that gentleman or gentlemen a free 'ad' as I just learned this by accident.

Now for some don'ts

Dont aspire to be a dealer unless you have a great deal of money you

wish to lose.

Don't start a Philatelic paper unless you expect to make $00.000 and have any amount of bills from your printer.

Don't trust a new acquaintance with a valuable collection. and then wonder where some rare stamps have gone too.

Notes for Phil's.

Canada did not see the utility of postage stamps until two years after the United States and nine years after the 'mother country'

If collectors would write more of their experience when away from home I am sure it would prove interesting to the collecting public.

Government stamped envelopes are becoming more and more popular. There is much that can be said in their favor, one argument being that their use would avoid the liability of an accidental omission to affix the necessary stamps, [accidents will happen in the best regulated families] and would also prevent the loss to the postal revenues which occurs through the washing and re-use of the adhesive stamps. It is also said that the watermark in the paper is a protection against counterfeiting.

Will some Philatelist inform us what the reason is, that Northern Mutual Telegraph stamps are not catalogued in our price-lists? We believe their genuineness is unquestioned.

A copy of the Quaker City Philatelist for December just received, I see by it that Mr. Walton has been elected Secretary of the A. P. A, A wise choice.

The U. S. patent lined envelopes were used but two years.

The famous Mulready envelopes were issued in England in 1840.

Is there a 2c postal card in use at the present time? Yes there is Well then why don't we hear something of it once in a while? Why, my dear young friend it is only used for foreign correspondence and not very often for even that but it can be purchased at any postoffice, Go and buy one it is quite a curiosity,

—D. Pedro.—

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The *New Jersey Collector* comes from Plainfield N. J. with 4 pages and cover devoted to collectors of stamp and cigarette pictures.

A copy of the *Stamp Advertiser and Auction Recorder* containing the report of the Auctions in England was received from the editor, C J Phillips 28 Spring Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, England.

We wish to thank Mr August Lehmann, Jr. of Paterson, N. J. for the handsome New Year card he sent us

We are in receipt of Vol I (bound) of the *Post Card* through the kind remembrance of the editor. We hope the *Post Card* will receive the support it is entitled to from all collectors

$4.80 worth of Music was received when Mr Trifet of 408 Washington St. Boston, Mass. favored us with a copy of *Trifet's Monthly Galaxy of Music*, although he only charges 10c per copy or $1.00 per year [12 copies,]

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Since the change in the Postal Laws of Canada last July, the issue of the 2 cent red Registration stamp has been stopped The fee for registering letters &c formerly was 2 cents and is new 5 cents, and as Registration charges may be paid either by postage or registration stamps it is not at all improbable that the Canada Register stamps will be discarded altogather and the postage stamps used in its stead. J. C., Jr,

I desire to warn philatelists generally against John C. Bargeson, Box 231, Ravenswood, Ill. He requested and received from me stamps to the value of $3.77 for which he has not made returns although he acknowledges having received the stamps. I understand that he has swindled a a number of dealers,

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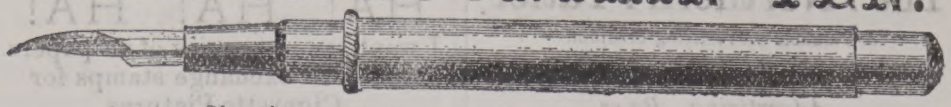

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Words of praise for U. S. Revenues.

[L. V. Lindsay.]

Some of onr most advanced philatelists ignore U. S. match, medicine and playing-card stamps, but the collectors will collect document and proprietary revenues. Why is this?

You may call match and medicine stamps labels, but they are not as much so as U. S. Locals. These much abused match and medicine stamps were certainly approved by the government where the Locals never were

A match or medicine stamp is always *genuine*, you or I never saw a *reprint* or *counterfeit*. Can this be said of even U. S Postage and Department. There was a time not very long ago when U. S. *reprints, specimens*, or what ever you wish to call them could be purchased for their face value, but there never was nor never will be a time when the government will offer match and medicine stamps for their face value.

You will acknowledge that these labels paid a large percentage of the war debts, but U. S. Dep'ts, so eagerly sought after, were more of a *convenience* to U. S. Officials than a sourse of *revenue* to the government,

Now for beauty and taste of design Who will not agree with me when I say for attractiveness and variety look at the fine engraving and excellence of printing on U. S. document stamps, I will agree with you and say some of the match and medicine stamps are rather homely but so are some of the postage stamps you collect, but I will here say that as a collection, U. S. Revenues will presents a much finer appearance than a collection of postage stamps.

Then look at the varieties, an advanced collector can procure such as imperforated, part perforated, double perforated, machine perforated. rouletted, surcharged. etc. etc., all of much value and each with more or less history connected with thier various oddities

In looking over some old papers a few weeks ago, I unexpectedly run upon a U. S, 50c Lease imperforated which I value quite highly. Mr. E B. Sterling has done more for collectors of U. S. Revenues than any other collector or dealer who ever lived.

His lists of perforations, shades, surcharges, oddities, etc., are the nearest perfect and complete of any ever published. I do not say this to advertise Mr Sterling, but I believe in true merits having a just reward From his large Revenue Catalogue I gained much of my knowledge of U. S. revenue stamps.

To have a little talk about the question, Are U. S. postage rarer than U. S. revenues. I would very much like to have some prominent writer give his ideas.

When I speak of rare stamps I mean rare ones worth $1,00 each and over, this to be determined by acual prices realized at private or auction sales.

You may take a 6c Proprietary 1st issue of documents for an example. I have often noticed this stamp fetches as much or even more than its cata-

logue value at auction. Now can you find many U. S. postage general issue that will sell for more than its catalogue value.

Another question. Are there rarer U. S. postage stamps than U. S. revenues? My opinion is there is not. For instance look at what a 4c Thomas Wilson medicine stamp is worth or some of the match stamps.

But of course you you can find rarer U. S. Local stamps such as Brattleboro and severals others.

Another question. Which has the most chances of being distroyed, U. S. postage or Revenue stamps?

A postage stamp on an envelope is quite apt to be layed away and never touched again for many years. Not so with revenues on documents such as mortgages, notes, etc. etc. These are very apt to be distroyed when the note or mortgage is paid, and those on match boxes are soon lost as a match box when emptied is of small consequence The same can be said of medicine bottles, But there are still a great many medicine stamps yet to be found in drug stores which can be procured for a small amount.

You can exchange these for others and in a short time you will be pleased to see what a fine collection you possess of U. S. Revenues.

I think as much can be written about revenues as about postage which will be of much value to collectors.

When looking over a lot of match and medicine stamps, I often recall many childhood pleasures, such as the Rushes' beautiful almanacs when looking at the 1c A. H. Flanders, Greens' fine almanacs and calenders. Those curious porus plasters. The responcibility of being an agent for Moores' Throat and Lung Lozenges which us boys use to eat with great relish. And then those parlor matches that use to scare the girls so.

These rememberences all make the U. S. revenues the most dearest and highest prized of any stamps I possess.

In speaking of varieties I did not mention, old, pink, silk and watermarked paper,

For a collector of means, the U. S. stamps present a very large and magnificent scope, Don't give the Revenues a cold shoulder any longer but go in for a collection. You will never regret it for a collection once started is seldom neglected.

Any collector who are *still* of the opinion that they don't want U. S. revenues can find a purchaser in me at fair prices.

Notice.

I would like to hear from all perons who have been defrauded by one Allen Harvey of Mount Winans. Md. and who claims to be Secretary of the 'Mount Winans, Stamp Exchange,

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Editorial

January brings forth the *C. P. S. Bulletin*, and the *Stamp-Collectors' Journal* as new productions in philatelic literature. The former being published by the Chicago Philatelic Society and is devote exclusively to their interest The latter is from Lake Village, N. H. which is very interesting. Messrs H. C. Quinby & Sydney Conant are the editors Put us on your Xchange list

"I received 23 requests for price-list and unused stamp as a result of my 'adv' in Jan *C. C.* J. R. Keech, Poughkeepsie, N. Y." Dealers should read our name in the EXCHANGE COLUMN.

The *Advertiser and Exchange* is to make its appearance from Lake View Mich. soon, devoted to collectors, with Guy Stewart, Editor.

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Mr. Edvard M. Ruben, St.Kongensgade 27, Copenhagen. K, favored us with a copy of his neat new Illustrated price-list for which he has our thanks.

We will send this papes from now until January 1891 for any U. S. Postage or Dept stamp catalogued at 15c or over.

During the 1889 there has been (to our knowledge) 34 new philatelic journals of which 5 suspended before the year was up.

The *Alarum* a miniature amateur paper, contains a very interesting article on Philately. It is edited by Mr. R. H. Goss, of Stretford, Manchester Eng. who is an enterprising young gentleman.

Wanted·— U. S. 1861 issue 90c blue, will give $1 25 worth of match. medicine and foreign stamps for a good specimen. Curiosities changed for stanps. J. D, Bartlett. So. Amboy, N. J.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* dooms a cover on entering its second volume It is has made a good record during the past year. and ranks among our best Xchanges

Since our last page went to press Bartlett Bros' [see 'ad' on last page] informs us that their stock of blocks of 4 of the 10 and 15c stamps has com-exhausted They have a few single also afew blocks of the 24c ones. Send for prices as their stock is becoming exhausted at a lively rate.

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Notes for Phils.

[D. Pedro.]

I have received a copy of W. F. Bishop's Monthly Circular. It is a cross between a monthly price list and a genuine Philatelic paper.

C. F. Case, the well known collector formerly of Weymouth, Ohio has moved to Salem, Oregan.

I hear that H, A. Reuss the Texas wholesaler has sold his stock to a large western dealer. By the way, this reminds me that this same western dealer never spends a cent for advertising in any of our philatelic journals, yet he is known by reputation to nearly every American collector, simply by the free notices which he gets in our journals. About two years ago he wrote to every publisher in the U. S. a long letter, concern-custom duties on stamps, etc., etc. It was a good idea and a cheap way to get a great amount of free advertising, as the letter was simply designed to let the reader understand that he was a cheap dealer, had a large stock of stamps, had been in business a long while, etc. Nearly every publisher who received a copy (duplicate) of this letter, published it, seeming to be glad of the notice taken of them by such an influential dealer. Many of them gave him an editoriol besides publishing the letter This dealer frequently writes to various philatelic papers with accounts of *his* rare finds, oddities that *he* has run across. Publishers seem to be glad to have the honor of receiving these letters to publish, and he is glad of course to have his name paraded before the collectors eyes. This is infamous. Collectors, patronize those dealers who advertise and pay for their advertising, thus helping to support our philatelic journals without which, Philately would soon be a thing of the past.

Nearly all collectors know that the Prince Edward Island stamps were sold in 1874 to a speculator, although the particulars are known by but few. They were on hand, remainders, to the face value of $ 90861.00 which were sold *En Bloc* for $ 1100.00, the speculator realized a handsome profit by their gradual sale to wholesale dealers.

While nearly all U. S. stamps have greatly increased in value in the last 10 years, it is a remarkable fact that the War department stamps have greatly decreased in value.

What will be the subscription rates of our philatelic papers in a couple years if this decrease in prices keeps on. Three years ago the cheapest were 25c per annum, Two years ago 15c was the cheapest, A year ago 10c was thought to be giving the paper and at present there are a few papers who can get many subscribers at 5c per year.

The *New York Philatelist* has suspended. The advertising and subscription lists will be filled by a new paper entitled "*Philatelist*" of which Mr Gustav Aue, former proprietor of the *Collectors' Ledger* is editor. and Kiessling & Co. owners of the *N. Y. Philatelist* are business managers No 1 will appear March 1st.

Some Pleasures of Stamp Collecting

We have heard a great deal about the hobby of stamp collecting: every once in a while some fellow has some thing to say about the above named subject, and "as every dog has to have his day," so he writes something on the subject, but I desire to call your attention to another department of the subject, about which I have never seen anything written, and hope that it will interest some of the readers of this paper

Now for the pleasures. well. first and most foremost of these pleasures we have the pleasure of buying stamps for a few cents and holding them a short time and then selling them at a great gain, that is one of the pleasures I think. Then we have the pleasure of seeing who can get the largest and finest collection of stamps, also, there is getting to be great pleasure of getting a rare stamp that some of your brother stamp collectors do not happen to have, and thus making them covetous, but this has all been spoken of in the above mentioned piece called 'The Hobby'

I will now try and point out further some of the pleasures that we derive benefit from as well as pleasure: First;– take a stamp collector that studies his stamps (I do not believe one that does not do so, is a stamp collector in full value of that term.) and you question him about the geography of any ceuntry that may be issuing stamps and he can tell you a great deal about it, as he has stamps from that country and has looked up the history of that part of the country. Next, we can on the stamps of many of the countries get various engravings of rulers, etc., and these engravings sometimes show great changes that have taken place in the countries that they are from, as in Mexco, I had occasion to make a very close study of that country, on occasion of writing an article in reference to its stamps; and the engraving on it show great change in the rulers, also on looking into the history of the country you will find the cause for all that which must be very pleasant to any person who is a student as well as beneficial.

Then again, a collector will get a knowledge of the various languages of the countries as according to the inscriptions that are printed on their stamps, it is limited you will say, well I acknowledge it is limited. but still it will excite further study in persons that have a liking for study of languages,

We have also pictures on many of the stamps such as landscapes, as the volcanos on the stamps of Bolivia and Salvador, and in both of those countries these can be found; also on ohter s there is a representation of their flag as in Switzerland, and thereby enabling us to familiarize ourselver with with the appearance of these countries emblems, that when you see them, we can recognize them and pay them due respect.

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I see in the Jan. number of your paper a communication to the effect that one John C. Bargeson of Ravenswood, Ill. fleeced Mr. Keech to the tune of $ 3.77 Permit me to state that a person from the same place signing himself Herman Stottum received from me stamps to the value of $ 1.94 for which he has never made returns. I think it is the same individual who fleeced Mr. Keech and others. The letter I recieved from him was postmarked, *Chicago* where he probably lives, Ravenswood being a supurb of Chicago. Very Resp't.

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I walked into a stamp dea ers office the other day and, as the saying goes, I found him *'riled'* There is nothing strange about a stamp dealer getting 'hot' once in awhile, but I knew this dealer too well to know that he was never *riled* over anything but a perplexing question.

Inquiry proved that he was *mad* over the complaints coming in from persons who had ordered stamps and which he had sent, but they professed to never have rece ved them.

The dealer told me the reason was they had not enclosed extra stamps so he could send the orders by letter postage and securely sealed. As it was the complainer who had sent nothing for postage, so the dealer sent the order by circular rates unsealed and they wou'd do ubtless never reach the owners,

This question struck me as a *newsy* one and I started out to find what method the majority of dealers pursue in filling orders.

Stopping first at the largest stamp dealers sanctum in the west. I enquired of the proprietor whether it was his custom to send packets and single stamps by letter rates when extra money for postage was not enclosed? "Go back to John, I am too busy to talk to you," he said, and I wandered to the back part of the room and found John fil ing orders "I want to learn your method of filling orders," said I, as I took a seat near the large table. He picked up the first letter off a large pile, which were placed on one corner of the table and read what the porprietor had written with a lead pencil on back of letter, 'No 216 – Gets the Prize, By-Gosh', and John pulled out a drawer and got the packet and placed with in it the prize,(a triangular Cape of Good Hope *genuine.*) Placing the packet with some circulars in a manilla envelope writing the address and placing a one cent stamp on, threw the envelope and contents into the mail basket. "That is our method of filling orders' he said.

I asked him if it was his custom to ever pay letter postage on orders where extra postage money is not enclosed. "Never, he said. except in cases where orders amount to over $2.00 and when orders amount to over $5.00, we register and mail the stamps by letter rates."

He said they received many complaints but they did not bother them any. "We do just what we advertise to do and no more and if they expect more they will get left, thats all there is to it.

The next dealer I visited said he always pays letter postage on *all* orders received. no matter if extra money is not sent. "It is the best way I am certain, and always give satisfaction and I invariably hold the collectors patronage too, which is something other dealers can't do if they employ the circular method.

I found next a young man who deals extensively in packets. I quized

him in regards to this question. "The method I employ, he said, is the same as the majority of dealers use everywhere. I never send orders by letter rate unless the required amount is sent with the order except in cases where the order amounts to several dollars or when the order comes from a collector who has dealt with the house constantly, say for three years "This then is your only rule is it, I asked. "Yes, my unchangable rule, Why just think if I paid letter postage on the packets I send out daily, I should have to look elsewhere for a living than to the stamp business. It would ruin me. Let us see, its just 3 o'clock and I have received already 200 orders to-day for my 'leader in cheap packets' and we have 3 more mail deliveries to day yet, so you can see what it would cost me if I were to pay letter postage on every one of these orders, which requires 4c each if sealed and 2c if unsealed. Let the kickers *kick*.' he howled as I vanished through the door.

During the day I visited 26 dealers and received much information that would no doubt interest the readers of this journal but I fear I have already occupied too much space.

The result of the investigation was as follows;-

1st. Those who *never* pay letter rates unless extra money for the same is enclosed 13
2nd Those who always send orders by letter rates. 4
3rd Those who always send unsealed except large orders. 9

It will be seen that the 1st class mentioned is the most popular rule.

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The Hobby.

As you had a piece in your paper recently refering to the subject of this thesis, I will endeavor to give the readers of your paper the idea that I think was meant by "hobby" in that piece.

Nearly every collector that commences collecting stamps, starts in with it as a sort of a hobby, he will hunt around among all the old letters papers, etc., to see if he could not find some stamps that he did not have in his collection, and will buy of any dealer that advertise high priced stamps for little money. but they soon get out of this. But other times it runs into the "Craze". Now what I mean by craze is when these persons become so infatuated that they, like, several letter carriers, mail agents and numerous collectors that we have among us. The former takes rare stamps from off letters that pass through their hands and the other forget to return approval sheets that are sent to them, or abstract rare stamps from other peoples collection when they are being entertained by being shown them. This is a very mean stage to get into, and often these people land in the penitentary or other very unpleasant place of residence. but the petty thieves of collectors is often that small that they can continue to carry on their ill practice without have any punishment dealt out to them.

Another thing, I know of a collector who when he commenced to collect took all of the 1p red of England and every one that he received with different letters in the corners, he put into his book until he had a young collection of that one variety only. But afterwhile he seen the errors of his ways and he took them out but he commenced with it as a Hobby

I knew of another collector who bought several collections and took the duplicates and exchanged them for mere nominal amounts and most of them were rare stamps. The way this came to happen was that he did not want to spend 25c for a catalogue, and so like the old adage he "saved at the spigot and left run out of the bung hole,"

Another strange thing about collectors that collect as a hobby or get into the craze. it very soon dies out as the last collector I spoke about. I very often see him, but I very seldom hear him a word from him in reference to stamps and before he could not talk enough about stamps. I know to have sold that person often as much as $5.00 worth of stamp at a setting, and his folks were not well off. But as a dealer that did not make any difference to me, but for all I do not like to see a collector pick up rarities then put them in an expensive album and then lay them away. It is a good thing to do for business, as these stamps will become rarer in time and then he or some of his desendents can sell them to some good advantage.

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A Wise Philatelist.

[Sheckawgo]

It is becoming more and more apparent every day that collections do not make Philatelists, or in other words, the size of a collectors collection does not go to prove his knowledge of philatelic subjects

Through my efforts, a friend of mine began to collect recently and I dropped in the other day to note his progress. Not many new specimens had been added since I last saw it and I began to wonder where he had spent his time and money. At last I ventured to inquire and he told me he was making stamp collecting a speculation, He then brought down from a shelf box after box filled with stamps, every variety being placed by itself.

He told me that every stamp he came accross that had been issued before the year 1870 he saved. It did not matter if he had 1000 or more just like them, it was thrown in with the rest and preserved. Under *no* circumstances did he ever dispose of *any* of these preserved specimens. no matter if he was offered a good cash or exchange price.

I laughed at him and ridiculed him quite a while and told him what a folly it was to preserve stamps in quantities, just be cause they were issued before 1870, some of which can be purchased for 40c per 100 and less But he was "loaded" and I found it poor work to contradict any of his statements, as upon investigation I found he was right,

The stamps that have been issued before 1870 are the ones which double and triple in price right before ones eyes and no better investment can be made than to lay in a good 'stock' of the 1860's and etc.

My friend made no distinction of countries but any at all whose earlier issues of stamps are procurable were collected. He never sold ar exchanged a stamp issued before 1870 and he kept it whether used or unused.

He showed me thousands upon thousands of 1851–57 U. S. which he would not sell for any price and he owned many thousands of foreign which he would not sell if double catalogue value were offered him. Many European countries issued stamps before 1870 and the majority of them can be bought at reasonable rates, while 10 years from now they will be worth double or triple their present value. I advise collectors to procure the early issues of all European countries, particularly Bavaria, Belgium and France. It will prove a profitable investment.

He showed me a stamp of an European country, 1858 issue, last year catalogued at 5c and this year catalogued at 15c.

It is doubtful if the collectors now collecting will ever live to see the price of stamps issued by countries since 1870 advance much, therefore the hope of the American philatelist is in those issued previous to 1870, and for these every effort should be put forth.

Collect the Earlier Issues.

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Some Philatelist that I have met.

[Jap.]

I commence with this, a series of six articles on the above named title, They will be complete each one in itself and I hope that they will be of some benefit to us all.

I. THE YOUNG COLLECTOR.

We might call this "The Beginner" The collector that we have now under discussion, one day received a letter from a friend of his and in it this friend spoke about Philatelists and stamp collectors, so our collector not knowing what these terms implied in this sense, went to the dictionary and could not find such a word as Philately, so he wrote and asked his friend the meaning of the term that he used in his letter. He was informed that a Philatelist was a person who was addicted to the *habit* or *hobby* (which ever you like) of collecting stamps, and, to help explain the meaning more fully, he was sent some stamps, this then was the foundation of his collection

He then bought stamps through various dealers and subscribed to various philatelic papers; On looking through the advertising columns of these papers he noticed numerous firms requesting agents at various rates of commission, so our Young Collector writes to some of them offering the most commission, for their approval sheets and terms to agents, and in this departure he was very successful, selling a great many stamps, so many in fact that he thought, why could he not be a dealer geting all the profit instead of getting a small per cent. as he thought on his sales, so he sent off for some wholesale catalogues and in the course of time receives them; then he sends for such a stock of stamps that his limited means will approve of and then prepares to have a great rush to dispose of these stamps Well he sold some of them, he exchanged the most of them, and among other things he has, is a scroll saw that he never used and does not know what ever possessed him to want it.

So he has settled down for a time at least and has had enough of the dealers business and our collector relapses in oblivion until he has further adventures on awaking which will be chronicled in our next article.

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Postage Stamp Craze.

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The Paris Postage Stamp Exchange is one of the sights of the town. It is held every Sunday afternoon in the Avenue Gabriel, Champs-Elysées, and is attended by some fifty or sixty persons of all ages and social standings. Among them can be seen such famous collectors as M. Philippe de Ferrari, son of the Duchess of Galliera the Baron Arthur de Rothschild Dr. LeGrand, Mr. Campbell, Mr. T. Tapling, Mr. Castle, and M. Marco del Pont.

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Editorials.

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Some Philatelist that I have met.

[Jap.]

2. THE ADVANCED COLLECTOR.

Our "Young Collector" has once more come out of his comatose condition and now with renewed vigor and all of his experience believes himself to have entered the ranks of the "Advanced Collectors," and remembering the old adage "United we stand. Divided we fall, or "In union there is strength" he looks around for some society of stamp collectors, otherwise known as Philatelic Society, so that he may join the same; he hears of the Canadian Philatelic Society, through a friend of his, and sent off for one of their applications for membership, after carefully reading it, thinks that it is a good thing, fills out the application, returns it to the Secretary and became a member of that Association.

While in this renewed condition of life in reference to stamps, he thinks that he would like to get rid of his duplicates by exchanging, so he sends sheets to various parties who have inserted exchange notices in several of our Philatelic Magazines and most of them return some of their approval sheets in return, but when he comes to compare he finds that he has taken a great many more stamps off their sheet than they had detached from his and so he has to make up the difference in cash. Some of the parties that he sent sheets to never returned them or other sheets and so our subject has the experience of the Sharps in his collecting period.

I suppose that you noticed that "Our Collector," is advancing fast and if he keeps on he will soon be bankrupt, unless he has one of those inexhaustable purses that we sometimes read of in fairy stories.

As "Our Collector," has not derived any benefit from the Canada Philatelic Association and also thinking that he would not care to belong to two Associations of this kind, but wishing to join a domestic association, he resigns from the above society and joins the American Philatelic Association and he is satisfied, as he finds in that all he wants or expects.

Our "Advanced Collector," is now appearing in the journalistic world, how long he shall live in this realm is not known, but just as long as the publishers of some of our Philatelic papers will tolerate his articles.

But as a closing word in this article I wish to ask all collectors of stamps that have not joined the American Philatelic Association to do so as soon as they can. If you do not know where to get application blanks, write to the auther of this article in care of the Publisher of this paper and he will see that you get one

I will now draw this to a close bidding you farewell to our Collector now under consideration, and take up another species of Collector known as what I shall call the "Infatuated Collector."

The *Philatelic Beacon* has not arrived. Bro Rollins have you dropped us?

Some more Pleasures of Stamp Collecting.

Seeing an article, a few months ago in the CURIOSITY COLLECTOR, on the "pleasures of stamp collecting." Noticing that it was deficient in several of the most important pleasuses of collecting, I write this little article, hoping that philatelists in general will not think too hard of the writer of the other article for not giving them the benefit of the leading pleasures, also that the writer of this article will not be looked down on too much for his conceit in daring to think he is giving fresh pleasurs to the philatelic world.

To proceed, perhaps the most important of the pleasures he forgot to mention is that of buying a stamp for $2.50 and on examining your catalogue find it is priced at $1.75 This is indeed one of the greatest pleasures of collectors and collecting.

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These are only a few which the writer of the other article omitted but I trust the Phil's will forgive him this time knowing he will do better next time. *H. O. R.*

Reply! Squibs!!

The *Stamp Collectors Journal* for June, with a variegated cover came to hand. The Ed's seem not to have had a great many exchanges to criticize as they vent their wrath on us at a great rate under the heading of "*SQUIBS*" We think the reason our paper seems so unintelligible to them is on account of lack of brains on his part, not from "lack of editing and proof reading," on our part. In reference to our name being a misnomer, well, perhaps it is. but for all it is older than the *S. C. J.*

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We will make no excuse for not issuing our June and July numbers It is sufficiant to say the heat knocked us out. But we desire to thank the publishers who has sent us their papers regular through our three months sleep. To those who have scratched us off their exchange list, we will respectfully say to them "scratch us on again,' we are not dead yet.

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E. P. Newcomer is busy writing the manuscript for a new Philatelic book which will appear about Nov. 15 W. W. Jewett 502 Congress St. Portland, Me. has purchased the Mss. and will publish the work. It will be called, "Ten Days with a Modern Stamp Dealer,' and relates in a pleasing manner what was seen and heard during a ten day visit with a metropolitan stamp dealer of renown. We understand the work is to be illustrated and to be issued in fine style. Circulars and full particulars sent upon application to the publisher.

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In defense of Philately.

| By E. P. Newcomer. |

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E. S. Stibbs, the oldest bookseller in London, tells me that the postage stamp mania is the one mania which seems never to amount to anything. It is erroneous, he says, to suppose that the philatelist naturally develops into a collector of curios. The collecting of stamps invariably is rife among childrenCand is pursued with great enthusiasm until the youth reaches the age of 17 years, and it is then dropped suddenly and forever, the philatelist having learned to his sorrow that he has undertaken not only an endless task and also one that does not appeal for approval to the maturer mind, From the disgust which this discovery precipitates the philatelist never recovers; he never thereafter has the heart to undertake collecting in other directions. Mr Stibbs says that if philatelists would acquaint themselves with the history and the geography of the countries whose postage stamps they secure, the fad might be defensible, but he has yet to meet with an amateur who knew anything at all about the many continents, countries, and governments represented in his album. Therefore he denounced philately, as it is commonly pursued, a serious waste of energy, time and of money,

The sale of old stamps is a considerable industry in London. A package containing 100 stamps cost tu'pence (4 cents.) 500 stamps—all different—can be had for $1.75. The exquisite thing, however, is to have no canceled stamps in your collection; this reduces the mania to a cash basis simply, and, when that point is reached, the redeeming features of the mania are extinguished.

—*Eugene Field.*

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The above appeared recently in a Metropolitain daily, and all earnest philatelist will be indignant on reading it. This habit of some newspapers publishing articles condemming philately does more harm to the progress of philately than all other agencys combined. The writer of these articles are invariably non-philatelists and the only field they bare for gleaning such information as the above is from predjuices persons,

We have no doubt that Mr, Stibbs' cause for making the above assertion is because he failed to dispose of a large quantity of cheap continentials or *trash* which he purchased with the intention of making *big* money out of the collectors in London. As no one patronized this branch of his business but small boys he evidently came to the conclusion that philately did not amount to much.

Mr Stibbs has certainly never heard of specialists in philatelic fields and of the AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION. The assertion that when the youth reaches the age of 17 he drops philately is entirely without foundation. This may be true with a small collectors, but the larger class and those who study their specimens continue for years and in most cases stick to philately for life. Many philatelists have remarked to me that

they have repeatedly stopped collecting but would eventually begin again, One collector told me he had sold out ten different times but each time was forced to return to his *hobby* by an unknown power. I myself have discontinued six different times, but each time had to return again. An indiscribable fascination possesses one, who begins stamp collecting aright and all efforts, no matter how strong to subdue it is unavoidable.

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Mr. Stubbs knowledge was gained from his observations made amoung KID collectors but his assertion that amateurs do not acquaint themselves with the history and geography of the countries whose postage stamps they secure, is far from fair. He has probably made his estimates from a certain class of amateurs, who as collecting turns, appear periodically or those who collect just for the *fun* of the thing or to make a little spending money.

We invite Mr. Stibbs to America, where at least twothirds of the amateurs are students of philately and nearly all of the older collectors are,

We known of very few philatelists who collect only uncanceled stamps and we believe if a census were taken that but a very small per cent would be found who collect unused stamps.

Despite such notices as the above, and simulfar ones that have appeared recently, stamp collecting is growing in popular favor every year and every day its number of adherents is increasing. Collectors of stamps have nothing to be ashamed of and the time is fast approaching when philately will be recognized all over this land as the grandest and noblest hobby, pasttime or whatever you desire to call it, that the world has ever known.

Philatelists noticing such faults statements as the above appearing in journals should immediately write strong denials and have the paper publishing such a statement print your reply, —*Stick to Philately.*—

Editorial.

No 1 of the *Standard* comes from Topeka, Kan. Mr. P. T. Darling as editor.

Part III of "Some Philatelists that I have met" was crowded out of this number but will be published in the next issue.

The initial number of the *Golden Era* contains several interesting articles. Edw P. Morris, Lock Box 1001 Orange, N. J. is editor.

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Some Philatelists that I have met.

[Jap.]

3. THE INFATUATED COLLETOR.

The Collector whom we now will try and consider for a little while, I had the misfortune to have some experience with in my travels.

He was a young man having not reached his 21st mile stone as yet, and the only son His father was earning very good wages, and the subject of this sketch was endeavoring to spend his pocket money, also to attend the public school in the town where he lived. He became interested in the science of stamp collecting, by seeing the collection of a friend of his who lived next door to him, and he thought that he would like a collection of the same kind, but he wanted a much larger one than his friends of course, as they generally do when they start out.

So he inquired of his friend where he could buy some stamps and he was informed of an agent that generally had a very good assortment in the place where he lived. He went to see this gentleman and he was shown the stock that he had on hand at the time, and made quite a purchase.

In a little while he had a chance to buy a collection of a collector that had commenced but had got tired of it (not being enought interested in this branch of science) so he purchased this collection for a song.

Our subject thinking that the money that he would have to spend for a catalogue would be all waisted, and that he might as well have stamps for the amount. After awhile he had some duplicates in his collection, and, not having a catalogue he exchanged them a great deal below their value. He then (from seeing a stamp he had sold cheap, marked much higher in price when he went to buy stamps,) purchased a catalogue, and he was after that a little more careful in buying and exchanging.

After a few months several collectors in this town came together and organized a Philatelic Society, and they had an official organ, but from lack of support, as nearly all of the members were of the infatuated type or had not enough energy to keep a society up, the society died as well as did the organ a short time after it.

This "Collector, became so infatuated that he would pawn things so as to be able to get money to purchase stamps with, but now his infatuation begins to wear off as it always will and he very seldom looks at his collection, which is a very fine one as he has invested quite a large amount in it

This style of a collector is one that I do not think much of. There is another style that I will tell you of farther on, that I do not have a very good opinion of either.

The subject that we will talk of next month will be "The Specialist." and I think we have a great many of this kind in our ranks.

FRED STEWART GOLDSBURY.

We have to chronicle the death of one of our best Philatelic Editors, as well as a true Philatelist. F. S. Goldsbury, who departed this life at his late home in Barre, Vt. on the 8th of October.

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He was always a gentlemanly youug man and made many friends, all of which will be sorry to hear of his demise.

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A movement is now well under way in England which contemplates the most remarkable postal reform that has been mooted since *Sir Rowland Hill*, half a century ago, proposed that his countrymen's letters should be forwarded to any point within the limits of the British-Islands on payment of one penny or 2c in American money.

The present demand is that the same fee of a penny letters shall be sent to British colonies all over the world. As things are now, it costs an Englishman 5c to send a letter to Canada, 8c to Australia by the Cape of Good Hope route, and 10c to India by the same round-a-bout course. To send letters by the short route, via Calais and Brindisi, cost more because the French and Italian governments between them levy toll of 2c per letter for the land transit of 1200 miles. We only charge, on the other hand, 1c per letter for carrying the British Australian mails from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 3000 miles

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For several months past the writer has been in receipt of letters from various parties stating they had ordered certain goods which were never received. The date the order was sent, the amount sent and the specific article ordered were always mentioned, and the writers desired their money returned or articles ordered forwarded at once.

The queerest thing about these letters is that they all came from the same state and three were received from the same city. When these letters first began to arrive I answered by postal card, stating that if they would forward the amount of postage required on the article, it would be sent. But the letters came all the more and the amount of postage was always forth coming.

The letters kept increasing until I had received twenty-three from the same town and then I was satisfied it was a dodge to get goods for merely nothing. All the letters were worded differently and stating they had seen my 'ad' in certain papers and had heard of a packet was offering, which they had sent for but never received. Here is one:-

Rock Island, Ill.
Oct 26th 1890.

Mr. E. P. Newcomer,
Englewood. Ill.

Dear Sir;

I sent you on the 12th inst. (50c) *fifty cents in stamps for your Packet No.* 13. *I saw your 'adv.' in the '——— ———,' I have heard nothing from you since. I sent the money and can't understand your method of doing business at all. Please send Packet or return my money at once.*

Yours
John ———

I visited six of the largest dealers in Chicago and they all complained that they had received similar letters. The matter was at once investigated and the '23 Philatelists' proved to be five school boys who took this method of adding to their collections. It is said they receive hundreds of dollars worth of stamps every year free by this method. One of the five has a collection of over 12,000 and which contains many rarities. The charge of using the mails for fraudulent perposes was used against them, but, on account of their extreme youth they were discharged after a severe lecture. The eldest youth was 14 years of age and the youngest 11.

N. B. Since writing the above, information has come to me of similar methods being used by collectors in Massachusetts and other states. There is no doubt but what many stamp dealers all over the United States have been taken in by these rascals, If dealers would *write up* and

expose these frauds that come under their notice, many of these rogues would be forced to stop their business.

E. P. NEWCOMER.

Part Counterfeit.

[Translated fron Illustrated Briefmarken Journal]

Spain 1865, 12c blue [Scotts 50th edition, cut 1951.] has been Counterfeited in a very clever way. There are some genuine copies which have the rose oval printed inverted, which as oddities command higher price. The counterfeiters have by chemicals removed the oval of the genuine stamps and printed a counterfeit oval inverted. So the frame is genuine but the oval is counterfeit,

The same trick has been played with the 25m de e blue and rose of 1868 issue. [Scotts 50th. edition, cut 1956.]

A Queer Letter.

A queer letter was lately received by the postoffice of Portland. It was a linen collar with a stamp and address on one side, on the other side; *"Please call and Pay your laundry bill. Your Laundress."*

DEALERS——— We would like to have you try an 'adv' in this paper In order to have you give us a trial we will accept desirable stamps for our collection in payment. Give us a trial at least. address this Office

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Special Delivery Stamp.

[San Francisco Chronicle.]

He was a stamp fiend, young and precocious, The plain American stamp had no intesest to him. He was making a collection of foreign ones, and so when they sent him down to the postoffice for a package he did not pay much attention, but brought it home and handed it over, and skipped out to play tag. Next day they showed him a new sister who had arrived. He looked at her with some curiosity.

"Say, where did she come from?"

"Oh, from heaven."

"From heaven! I know. That was the package I brought from the post office yesterday, and I never knowed anything about it."

"Yes."

"Golly! why didn't you save me the stamps?"

Some New Postage Stamps

[Eugene Field in Chicago News.]

Philatelists will be interested in hearing that both the new companies in South Africa are in the field with specially designed postage and revenue stamps. The British East Africa company has started with an issue ranging from the half-anna to five rupees, and bearing in each design a crowned sun, with the motto "LIGHT AND LIBERTY" surrounded by a horse shoe label, inscribed with the title of the company. An issue is also in preparation for the South African company, which in following the precedent established some years ago by the British North Borneo company, some of whose earlier issues [long since drawn from circulation] already rank among the rarities in he stamp collecting world.

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To all of our readers.

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We would call the attention of our readers to the 'ad' of W. D. Acker, [in the next column] in reference to his *Directory*. Being personaly acquainted with Mr Acker we feel justified in stating that he means business and will do all he agrees to.

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Some Philatelists that I have met.

[Jap.]

4. THE SPECIALIST.

The person under consideration in this article is a very interesting study. He has gone throught all of the stages of the advance of a colloctor, and at some time in his Philatelic Life has been confronted by the numerous stamps, he would have to collect to obtain a complete collection of all the stamps that were ever issued, by any and all countries; so he desides to make a specialty of a certain country or countries, consequently we have the Specialist of U. S. stamps, who collect exclusively stamps of that country. Another who collects only unused stamps, who, in my opinion has no right to be termed a Philatelist, as he is not a true Philatelist. I would like to ask what are unused stamps? The answer from an intelligent person would be, certain pieces of paper with proper inscription bearing various values for the purpose of insuring the conveyance of matter through the medium of the mails, to its destination where ever that may be. Philatelists are supposed not only to collect stamps for their value and because they are some like which exactly he has not in his collection, but he wishes to study them, and he wish stamps that are used, having fulfilled their purpose, and so, are on a much higher plane in my mind than those from which we are to expect that they would convey letters, but have not done so.

Ii you inform the last mentioned variety of specialist of the foregoing facts as I have stated them, he will not coutradict you, but will offer this excuse, that a collection of unused stamps looks much cleaner than a collection of used ones, which may be true but still an old article of any kind will not look as well as one fresh from the Lands of the maker, yet it is the more valuable for its history as much as for its accomplished mission. Show me a man who has not accomplished anything in this world and he dies, who will remember him? No one at all in very many cases.

Then we have a specialist who collects only from countries of North and South America, and whose field is a rather wide one, but as he dums himself a specialist we will have to consider him n this class.

We are also acquainted with another speciallst who makes a specialty of stamps of the West Indies, but he thinks and collects in a very creditable manner, that is he collects stamps from all countries but gives his own country the preference, in which naturally takes more interest than he does in any other countries. Which of us, United States collectors would not rather have a U. S. stamp that is not in our collection than that of any other country. I do not think there are many who would prefer the other countrys' product to that produced in our own country.

There are also in our lines, specialists of many other kinds, but who we are all acquainted with and so I will not treat of them here as I have

not the space alotted to me to do so even if I so wished.

The specia'ist I have the most respect for [but I must say that I do not think any of the 'exclusive variety' are true Philatelists.] is the collector of exclusively cancelled stamps of all countries, and, using a speciality in this line is the one of the varieties under consideration to be most commended.

This closes our fourth article and we will present the next time THE INDIFFERENT COLLECTOR, and following that which is the last of the series. THE INTELLIGENT COLLECTOR.

Jap.

Ye Editor, just before the Hollidays, spent a few days with the renown scribe, "JAP." of Philadelphia, who, having racked his brain [if he has any] compounding the fourth article of his sesies which appears in this number, we foun i him in the eighteenth stage of "ssenkcisevol,"

His case was so severe that every other eve he had to take leaf from his own resident to find much pleasanter quarters in the parlors of a house on Wilt Street where ye editor accompanied him on the second eve of his stay in Philad. It is suffice to say that the whole cause of his desease, I found, was on account of two jolly young Ladies. We spent a very pleasant evening.

I called on several of the Stamp Cranks while in P and found them to be an entertaining set. We took particular pleasure in calling on Mr. R M McFarland who resides in Henderson, Ky, but is now attending the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

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[London Tit-Bits.]

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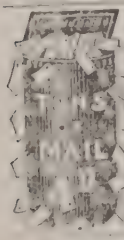

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Counterfeits

AND HOW TO DETECT THEM.

Counterfeiting of postage stamps is much more done than many suspect. Some stamps being worth, in the philatelic market, from $5. to $100. and more a piece, it is no wonder the unprincipled persons should be very strongly tempted to manufacture what they can sell at such enormous prices. At the same time it seems that no government has yet done anything to punish this class of criminals, consequently it is of the highest importance for every philatelist to know something about counterfeits and how to detect and keep them out of his collection. To aid the readers of the CURIOSITY COLLECTOR a little in tl is direction is the object of these lines.

One of the greatest difficulties for counterfeiters is the *exact* immitation of a whole stamp in *all its parts*. The most dangerous reproductions in this respect are probably those made by photo-lithography. However, there is one circumstance that makes the detection comparatively easy, and that is; The *size* of the bogus stamp is rarely the same as that of the original, may the difference be ever so small.

Those produced by simple lithography may have the exact size as the original, but they are less clear and distinct.

Very difficult are the imitations of embossings and watermarks. The later are either left away entirely or imitated by marking with oil or strong acids, consequently the examination of watermarks is very important.

Steel-cuts are not very often imitated, because it is too difficult to reproduce them. Whenever it is attempted there are surely some points by which the forgery can be detected. The lines are heavier or ligher, not so smooth or of a different form than those of the original, or the size of the whole stamp or the relative size of parts are not correct, or the perforations do not show the same number as in the original. Another important point is the quality and finish of the paper used.

In cases where used stamps are higher in price than the unused, the cancellation is imitated; in some cases parts of a stamp are altered by the use of acids or other means ef erasure or the color is changad by chemicals, In the latter case, however, the paper is generally effected. Wherever the perforation is bogus, the size becomes to small, and where the perforation has been cut off the same is true. Imitations of stamps that have silk threads in the paper, rarely have the same or they are of a different color.

Remembering the above, we shall be able to guard our collections against a great many imposters. Yet all examinations should be made by means of a strong lens, for the naked eye is seldom powerful enough to detect deficiencies. And after all it would be a good thing if some expert would establish an examination bureau as other countries have them.

We shall finally give a few hints

regarding the finding of watermarks, as they are sometimes difficult to find. Some can easily be seen by holding them against the light; others, as some of Great British Colonials, New South Wales and South Australia, can best be seen by holding the stamp backside up in the shadow of some object. Difficult to find are the watermark in some of Lubeck and West Australia. They can be found by laying the stamp face down on black oilcloth and *slightly* wetting them with water. Most all watermarks can be found by laying the stamp on some black enameled surface and poring a few drops of benzine or clear alcohol over the stamp, then the watermark will appear very clear. This can be done even with most of the delicate colors.

The greatest difficulty in finding the watermarks will be experienced with the old unperforated stamps of Russia and Norway. There is hardly any other way to find the watermark than by holding them at arms length against the window and looking at them for a long while, and then the watermark can only be found if the examiner has previously studied the form of the watermark he looks for.

Wishing that every reader of the CURIOSITY COLLECTOR may have many of the last named stamps to examine, we sign with a —.

Foreign 'Revenue' Stamps.

[By E. P. Newcomer.]

One of the latest fads and also one of the most nonsensical is the collecting of foreign revenue stamps. This *craze*, we understand was started by a certain New York dealer, who advertises extensively and has an unusually large stock of foreign revenues, and is now trying to put them on the market

We fail to see what knowledge or pleasure foreign revenues can give any one and if collectors begin on these "things," the next we will hear of spool-labels being collected.

The only argument that can be put forth for collecting revenues is their beauty and that is a very slim one. A collection of different colored spool-labels is also pretty.

We have a little respect for collectors that collect Mexican revenues, for they teach Mexican history, but we have none whatever for the person who collects other foreign revenues.

These revenues are obtained by the dealers for merely nothing and sold to the collectors as something "RARE."

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Editorial.

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The Male and Female.

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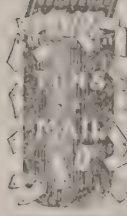

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Foreign 'Revenue' Stamps.

Under the above heading in the April number of your paper, Mr. E. P. Newcomer, tells what he knows of the above, As the above named party poises as a writer on subjects pertaining to stamps, we naturally look for some information that will be of value to the general collector,

Being one of those (unfortunates) for which he has no respect whatever, I naturally object to a party stepping on my corns, and as it is to be hoped Mr. Newcomer knows whereof he speaks, I for one would request a little more information on this subject.

Mr. Newcomer, fails to see what knowledge or pleasure they can give anyone, Does he also hold the same opinion of postage stamps; if so I will not argue the question; but if not will he kindly state wherein the difference lays. He also fears that the *next* thing we will hear of is the collecting of spool-labels. Why does he speak of spool-label collecting being the *next*, when farther on he states that a collection of them is also pretty.

On reading farther, a ray af hope strikes me, for I read that he has a little respect for those that collect Mexican revenues Now as I am a owner of about 150 varieties of the above named countrys' fiscals, and in consequenec, entitled to a little of his respect. I venture to ask wherein they differ from other countrys in teaching *History* as he asserts they do.

His remarks that the only argument that can be put forth for collecting them is their beauty and that is a slim one, is a *very slim story.*

Mr. Newcomer states that these revenues are obtained for merely nothing by dealers. I note by his advertisement that he is a dealer, and if he, or any others are troubled with a surplus of these nonsensical labels, they can find a buyer for them by applying to the Editor of this paper for the address of WAMSUTTA.

Oddities In U. S. Stamps.

[By L. V. Lindsey.]

Having recently read an article against this class of stamps, I have a few remarks to make in their favor.

I would not advise any collector to pay fancy prices for them, but I would advise them to collect in U. S. stamps all kinds of paper such as Old, Silk, Pink and Watermarked, also surcharged Document, Proprietary, Match and Medicine stamps, double-perforated postage and revenues, shades, rouletted, unperforated, unsevered pairs, etc. etc.

Mr E. B. Sterlings' catalogue gives the best list of any ever issued, but I often have stamps not catalogued by him. I could name many varieties which most any advanced collector would discover in his own collection and duplicates if he would examine them carefully. I hardly ever look over a lot of U. S. revenues but that I discover something new and they

would if you looked for them.

Several years ago I owned a 1c 1870 postage with 4 grills on back, one on each corner. Mr. B. A. Cottlow had a 90c same issue with 2 grills on back.

I have said nothing about shades but would advise you to collect both shades of Due stamps, Post-Office Dept and War Dept. 4 shades of the $2.50 inland exchange, etc. etc

I will close for this time, Will some other collector or dealer say a good word for Oddities in U. S. stamps.

Exchange & Approval Sheets.

It is customary to have all kinds and grades of stamps mixed on sheets without regard to their nationality.

Some few dealers only arrange their stamps so as to have stamps of the same value on the same sheets only. This may be handy to the dealer, but it is not to the advantage of the collector, nor to my mind to the dealer. The better a collector is pleased with a dealers sheets, the more he is apt to call for them and so selects from them.

It would greatly facilitate the selection of stamps from sheets if every sheet contained stamps from one country *only*. The collector may in such a case open both his album and hand book and without turning leaf after leaf, examine a whole sheet before him.

There is also a stronger inducement to buy if one has an opportunity to complete or nearly complete a special set, than if he has stray specimens that he must seek places for all through his book.

By adopting the suggested method the dealer can also manage to send his patrons a greater variety by avoiding the repeated sending of the same specimens which he, by the old method, may have on many of his sheets

It is no doubt tiresome to every collector to see some of the same specimens every time he receives a sheet from his dealer or exchanger, and there is little profit for a dealer sending the same stamps to a customer two, three or four times and receiving it back just so often. Then by the arrangement of countries a customer might call for just what he wants most and be sure to get it.

The writer was several times disappointed by receiving stamps from Austria, India, France and Great Britain when he had called for stamps from Mexico or South and Central America,

Believing that Philately may only win by adopting ways of regularity and order, we invite every reader of the CURIOSITY COLLECTOR to argue this question.

L. G. Dorpat.

Another Mexican.

A new variety has been found recently in the 10 centavoes black 1874 of Mexico. The new stamp is almost the same type as the common one, but was printed from a new plate. Its numerals and the figure X at the top are shaded, also the two at the sides, and its back ground is *straight* lines. The figure 10 at the bottom has large space inside of the (0). The common variety has open letters and numerals, also the X and its back ground is crossed lines. The head is larger than in the new variety

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37	1862-64	5
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40	1867, 1r blue paper *rare*	1
41	1867, 4r pink paper *rare*	1
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43	1868	7
44	1872	4
45	1874-78	8
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